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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE- GROUP 1700/ART UNIT 1712**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/831,566  
FILED : May 10, 2001  
FOR : WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE  
COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME  
ART UNIT : 1712  
EXAMINER : R. Lovering

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May 27, 2003

**BOX AF**  
Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated February 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend the indicated claims to read as follows: